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## FATALLY BURNED

### J. W. Wallen's Daughter

#### Meets Horrible Death as Result of Her Clothing Catching Fire

A distressing accident occurred in this city about noon last Friday, resulting in the death of a bright little girl six years old, daughter of J. W. Wallen.

The child was playing in a room where a bright fire was burning in an unprotected grate. Passing too close, the flames caught her dress and instantly she was enveloped in the blaze. The child rushed into the yard evidently trying to go to the home of Mrs. Childers, who lived in the adjoining lot and of whom the little girl was exceedingly fond. Her screams attracted the attention of the woman and her daughter, the latter dashing a bucket of water on the frantic child.

The little sufferer was carried into the house and physicians were hastily summoned. Drs. A. W. Bromley and G. W. Wroten responded and rendered all possible assistance. All the child's clothing had been burned off and the child's back, neck, face and arms were horribly burned. No effort was spared to relieve the little victim of the flames.

She lingered until Monday morning when death released her from pain. On Tuesday morning the body was taken to Kenova where it was buried.

Before it was carried to the train the body was taken to the Baptist church where appropriate services were held by the Rev. G. G. Bligh. Several young girls acted as pall bearers.

Mr. Wallen moved here from Prestonsburg about two years ago. His wife is dead, and a daughter, 13 years of age, has been caring for him as an younger than herself, and doing all the housework.

In her effort to reach the little girl when she saw her wrapped in flames Mrs. Childers stumbled and fell, dislocating her right wrist and breaking one bone in the same arm. The same physicians attended to her. Mrs. Childers is quite old and her recovery will be slow.

#### Threw Stones at Train.

Charles Jones, of Richardson, is in the Lawrence county jail charged, as a down-the-river paper puts it, with rocking a train. Jones did not board the train and rock it as one rocks a boat, but he stood on the ground and fired a volley of stones into the train as it was leaving Richardson last Sunday night. The train was stopped and Jim Sizemore and John Hunley who, since the assassination of Conductor Blevins have been carried on No. 38 as guards, captured a gang of five men and carried them to Prestonsburg. The next day one of them, Charles Jones, was brought to Louisa and lodged in jail. He will have his examining trial tomorrow. The offense with which he is charged is a felony.

#### View With Alarm.

The Dependent Order of The Sons of Rest view with alarm the advent of spring. They have held continuous sessions around the store fires for some months, blissfully oblivious of the work done by their wives, but now they realize the awful truth that the garden must be plowed and spaded and the poor women can't do it all, and they shiver at the idea of getting up a nice honest sweat. Their condition is pitiable. Can't somebody suggest something to relieve the situation?

#### Mr. Crumpler Buys Property.

T. R. Crumpler has purchased the residence property owned and now occupied by W. N. Sullivan, on Upper Madison Street. Mr. Sullivan will move into the house in which Mr. Crumpler is residing. The exchange will be made soon. The price paid was \$2400.

## The Center Span Gone.

The Pikeville correspondent of the Ashland Independent thus writes of an accident to the bridge at that place:

Every citizen of Pikeville has been anxious lest the recent hard rains might swell the river to such an extent that some portions of the bridge might be washed away, and a cessation of the rain was hailed with joy, as it was known that, by Friday evening the bridge forces would have the structure beyond danger, as they had been working with might and main to attain to that point. But great was the chagrin of so many people this morning, on discovering that the center span had gone down, having succumbed to the weight of rafts of logs lodged against it. The loss is several thousand dollars and besides will greatly retard the early completion of the bridge.

#### Gone to Arizona.

John Sparks, who left this county about seven years ago and settled in Washington, returned to his old home about the first of last December. His coming back to his old home was not for permanent settlement, however, for he left Lawrence county last Tuesday morning en route for Safford, Arizona. This time he was accompanied by his wife, who was formerly Miss Pack, to whom he was married on February 25th.

#### Matters Matrimonial.

Arthur Savage was married on the 10th of last month, but some how they kept the matter very quiet until recently. The Rev. R. M. Curnutte married them.

Judge T. S. Thompson is known as the marrying judge, that is, marrying other people. His latest act in this line was committed on the 9th of this month. The deed was done in the County Clerk's office, and the parties were Miss Cora Perry and Oscar Steele, both of Wayne county, West Virginia.

## NINE MONTHS

### Per Year of Public School in Louisa Provided for the Future.

The present Board of Education has the honor of providing the first nine months term of public school ever given to Louisa children.

At the last meeting of the board it was decided that the term of the Louisa Graded School, which is to begin about the first of next September, shall continue for nine months. This is made possible by the district being entirely out of debt, at last.

This is one of the most important and commendable steps ever taken by a local educational body. In justice to the children of Louisa, this should have been done many years ago. The poorest child here may now procure an excellent education in the fewest number of years possible.

The exceptional advantages provided for local pupils under the arrangement with the Kentucky Normal College are greater than most of our people realize. There is not another town of this size in the State that gives its children so much good schooling free as will Louisa from this time forward.

Let's record the names of this Board of Education right here, lest we forget. Rev. H. B. Hewlett, Dr. A. W. Bromley, W. N. Sullivan, Dr. J. Chaffin.

#### Her Twelfth Birthday.

Miss Helen Vinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Vinson, was twelve years old last Saturday and this important occasion in her young life was duly celebrated. Many of her young friends partook of her hospitality, and later they visited the Nickleodeon.

Lyne Herndon, of Louisville, was here yesterday. His father, John Herndon, was one of the best known men in Kentucky, and his popular son is a chip of the old block.

## MARRIAGE.

### M. J. Webb and Miss Agnes Morton Wedded at Greenup.

The many Louisa friends of "Mun" Webb will be glad to read of his good fortune as recorded in the following from the Ashland Independent. The groom seems to have won a prize in the matrimonial lottery, and the News and all who know him say that he is worthy of his bride:

A most beautiful wedding in Greenup, Saturday evening, was that of Miss Agnes Morton and Mr. W. J. Webb, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morton.

The wedding tints of white and green were beautifully blended, and palms and ferns were seen in profusion. The bride and groom entered the parlor to the march of from "Lohengrin."

The bride, who is strikingly pretty, and with a graceful dignity of carriage, wore an exquisite gown of white radium silk, made princess, with empire black. The wedding veil was of lace, and fastened to the hair by a coronet of roses. The Rev. Wm. Dunn Ryan, of this city, pastor of the Christian church, performed the marriage ceremony, which was very impressive.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held, and later a dinner was served. Mr. Webb and his bride left on the midnight train for a tour East. They will spend some time in Washington, D. C., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett, Mr. Bennett being a son of Congressman J. B. Bennett, and he holds an official position in Washington; and no doubt their visit in the "City of Magnificent Distances" will be one of great pleasure.

Later they will be at home to their many friends in Greenup, where Mr. Webb conducts a grocery store. They have a number of Ashland friends, who will join us in extending them best wishes for a long and prosperous life.

#### Struck by A Train.

Blucher Vinson, formerly of this vicinity but now of Chapmanville, on the Guyan Valley railroad, had a close call for his life last Sunday. He was going to visit his brother, G. L. Vinson, who is at the home of his father, Lafayette Vinson, seriously ill, and was walking along the N. & W. about two miles east of Salt-peter. He carelessly sat down on the track to rest, and while thus seated a freight train struck him, knocking him from the track and breaking three of his ribs.

The wonder is that he did not receive more serious or even fatal injuries. Dr. T. D. Burgess, of this place, responded to a call for his services and rendered the necessary aid.

#### Repeals His Own Bill.

The Senate passed a House bill repealing the act of June 29, 1906, pensioning Jackson Adkins, "as late of Captain Thomas Dameron's independent company, West Virginia Volunteers." The beneficiary is a resident of West Virginia, who proposed the bill under which he was pensioned, and who is also author of the repeal. The Congress report says that the passage of the pension bill was secured by forged affidavits.

#### Thompson-Jordan.

Married, March 9, Miss Malissa Jordan to Arbie Thompson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Jordan, and is one of Rich Creek's most charming ladies.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of good moral habits. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson extend to them their hearty congratulations.

#### A Friend.

The friends of Mrs. Mary Sweetnam are sorry to know that she continues quite sick. The infirmities of old age and a chronic ailment bear heavily upon her.



Above is a picture of the C. & O. passenger station in Louisa, a pressed brick structure costing something over \$5,000.00.

#### Sent to Lexington.

Last Sunday night, Monroe Estep, a boy about 15 years old, was found wandering barefooted about the streets. He was unable to give an account of himself and was locked up for safe-keeping. On Wednesday he was tried and convicted on a lunacy warrant. The Superintendent of the Lexington Asylum was informed by telephone, and yesterday morning a guard from the asylum arrived and took the boy away. Estep was born in Johnson county, but of late had been living on Brushy, this county.

#### At Hospital.

Lace Vinson, who entered the hospital about six weeks ago suffering from typhoid, is able to go about the house. His wife, who is also sick with the same disease, is not improving so rapidly.

L. H. Adkins, of Lenore, W. Va., is improving from an abscess. Miss Gypsy Thompson, of Lick Creek, is sick with mastoiditis. Mr. Huff, a Knox creek, (Pike county) merchant, is a patient suffering with a venereal trouble.

Mrs. Jerry Endicott, of Louisa, entered the hospital this week for treatment.

## BUCHANAN.

### Death of Two Aged Citizens of That Neighborhood.

Mrs. Annie Bennett and little son spent Sunday with her husband at Pikeville.

Ben Price arrived Monday from Omaha, Neb., for an extended visit after an absence of ten years.

Miss Reba Prichard is here from Burnaugh visiting her grandparents. Mrs. Robert Ruggles, Sr., died very suddenly at her home on Bear Creek Friday night at the age of 80. Interment took place Sunday.

Our sick are Mrs. Lizzie Bromfield, Mrs. Lindsey Layne, Rev. W. B. F. Ball and Little Jessie Belle McSorley. Sam McSorley was at home from Catlettsburg over Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Compton and daughter Laura, attended the funeral of Mrs. Compton's brother, Harve Kinner, at East-Fork Saturday.

The revival at Round Bottom Chapel closed Sunday night on account of the illness of Rev. Ball. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Compton, of Webb, W. Va., are spending a few days with homefolks.

Harve Kinner, a prominent citizen, of East Fork, died February 28th, after an illness incident to old age. The funeral conducted by Rev. Leslie, took place at the home the Sunday following, attended by a large number of friends and relatives. He was a son of Dave Kinner deceased, and is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Francis Hogan of Catlettsburg, Mrs. Lon Hutchison, of Clarksville, W. Va., and Mrs. J. R. Compton, Buchanan, Ky., and two brothers, Dave Kinner, of Williamsburg, and Lefe Kinner, of Catalpa. He preceded him to the home above about nine years ago. Deceased was 77 years of age. Dot.

T. L. Muncaster has moved into the Fitch property on Upper Franklin Street. The Rev. Dr. Hanford will occupy the residence vacated by Muncaster, and Sam Picklesimer will, after some repairs have been made on the building, move into the residence of Dr. Hanford.

## TEMPERANCE

### Meeting Next Monday.

#### Public Gathering at Court House in Louisa to Organize.

A public meeting has been called to be held at the court house in Louisa at one o'clock on Monday, March 15th, for the purpose of co-operating with the other counties of the Big Sandy Valley in an appeal to the citizens of Boyd county to vote liquor out at the special election to be held April 5th. In order to give the appeal the desired force an organization is being effected in each of these counties.

A letter from Judge A. J. Kirk has brought particulars of the movement to this place and his suggestions have met with a hearty response. Committees representing the various counties are to be sent to Catlettsburg and Ashland to deliver the appeal and to assist the temperance forces in whatever honorable way they may be able to help the worth cause.

Catlettsburg is especially dependent upon the Big Sandy Valley for its support in a business way, and Catlettsburg whiskey has been responsible for a great many of the tragedies that have occurred in our valley.

Catlettsburg and Ashland are welcome to all the trade they can get legitimately from up this way, but we do not willingly give up the lives of our citizens, the future of our young men, and the peace and happiness of our homes to satisfy the greed of a few liquor dealers licensed by consent of the people of these two Boyd county cities.

The movement is commendable and should be aided by all good citizens.

## DR. MCCLURE

### Suggested for Vacancy on Board of Trustees of the State University.

The Leader has heard several suggestions of Dr. W. B. McClure as an excellent man for appointment to the vacancy on the board of trustees of the State University caused by the death of Mr. D. F. Frasco. His professional association and experience would add to the value of his services on the board, and he possesses many general qualifications that would make his selection a happy one in every way. Dr. McClure is a practical man of affairs outside of his profession, with an unusually extensive acquaintance all over the State, but especially in Eastern Kentucky and the mountain regions, and he would bring to the board and institution no little strength. The Leader does not know that any steps have been taken to present his name to the Governor but a better selection could not be made. —Lexington Leader.

There is no doubt that Dr. McClure, Louisa bred and educated, is well fitted for the high and honorable position mentioned by the Leader. His Louisa friends will be glad to hear of his appointment.

#### St. Paul to Elkhorn City.

An officer of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway, Johnson City, Tenn., writes the Manufacturers' Record that the company has requested bids for constructing 40 miles of line from a point near St. Paul, Va., northward to a connection with the Chesapeake & Ohio at Elkhorn City, Pike county, Kentucky. The country traversed is very rough; in fact, as rough as any through which any part of the road has been built. Final decision as to whether or not the line will be built has not yet been made, but the company expects a decision within a few weeks. Mr. A. W. Jones is assistant chief engineer in charge of construction. The general manager of the road is Mr. M. J. Caples.

#### Close of Public Schools.

The public school department of the College will close with Friday, March 19. It has been a most successful term, and our people should be glad to feel that their children have such excellent opportunities for securing a liberal education free of expense.

The attendance of town pupils has been generally good, but it is a matter of keen regret that some parents, for more or less trivial reasons, have seen fit to keep or let their children stay away from school some of them during the entire session.

Such action is in the highest degree culpable. To be the willing cause of ignorance on the part of your child should be a misdemeanor and be punished as such. It is, in this day and age of the world, entirely without excuse. When Kentucky enacts a compulsory school law, and enforces it, we may hope for better things. Not before.

#### Commendable Work.

The charity and helpful sympathy of Louisa people were beautifully shown in the case of little Ritter Wallen, whose distressing death by burning is told in another place in this issue.

From the moment the accident occurred until the charred body was put on board the train which carried it away to burial neighbors, men and women rendered most valuable aid. They did everything that could be thought of which could possibly lessen the agony of the little sufferer. Tender nursing, food, delicacies—all were freely given. If the child had been a princess she could not have been more kindly cared for. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these ye have done it unto Me."

#### Farm Work Behind.

The continued rains have greatly retarded all sorts of farm work. Especially have they been a hindrance to tobacco raisers who have been anxiously waiting to sow their plant beds. Plowing is at a standstill and about all that can be done is to look after the stocks. The weather man seems to think he can improve the brand we have been having in a very short while, which will no doubt be good news to the tillers of the soil.

#### Arlington Hotel Sold.

D. M. Ward has sold the Arlington Hotel to R. C. McClure for \$2400. The deal was made Thursday morning of this week. Possession will be given at once. Mrs. Ella Hays will have charge of the hotel as soon as some repairs have been made.

Mrs. Hays has had considerable experience in this line and will no doubt conduct the hotel in a manner highly satisfactory to the traveling public.

It is said of an editor, who lives not a thousand miles from Ashland, that he visited the insane asylum recently, and was mistaken by a lunatic for a fellow sufferer just arrived.

Becoming confidential the inmate asked him what made him crazy, and to humor him the editor replied: "Trying to make money out of the newspaper business." "Rats," said the lunatic, "you're not crazy, you're just a d-d fool." —Richmond Climax.